

INVASIVE WEED ALERT!

Coral creeper (*Barleria repens*)

Barleria repens (also known as coral creeper or small bush violet) is an introduced garden escapee that is thriving on the coast of Queensland. It's a very hardy plant that can grow in sun, shade and any soil type. The weed grows in thickets and can propel its seeds up to two metres, meaning it dominates landscapes quickly. Along the Capricorn Coast, Coral creeper has infested many dune and creek areas causing problems for native birds, animals and native vegetation.

The good news is that Coral creeper can be controlled if you persist over a couple of seasons and catch it before it flowers (approximately 12 weeks after it emerges).

Look out for it
particularly along fence lines and hedges.

Remove it quickly
taking care to get as much of the root as possible.

Check for seedlings
in the weeks after removal and the next wet season.

WANT TO DO MORE?

Local groups like Emu Park Community Bushcare and Capricorn Coast Landcare Group are actively working to control this pest along the Capricorn Coast. Check out their Facebook pages and contact them for how to get involved.

Learn more

Visit www.emuparkbushcare.org.au for more information about Coral creeper.

HOW TO DISPOSE

For small amounts, remove any seed pods (add these to your kitchen rubbish bag) and put the rest into your compost bin.

For large amounts, an on-site compost pile (separate to your usual compost) will work. Keep an eye on it for any escapees or new shoots. Other methods, such as soaking in a bin of water for two weeks are also effective.

DO NOT ADD IT TO COUNCIL GREEN WASTE OR DUMP IT IN ANY NATURE AREA!

